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**pa1106: Factoring with box when  $a = \text{prime}$  (v7)**

**Example**

Use the box to factor  $2x^2 - 9x - 18$ .

Guess and check, based on factor pairs of  $-18$ , until you find the pair that results in a linear coefficient of  $-9$  after combining like terms.

*	x	-6
2x	$2x^2$	$-12x$
3	$3x$	-18

$2x^2 - 12x + 3x - 18$

Combine like terms.

$2x^2 - 9x - 18$

ANSWER:  $(2x + 3)(x - 6)$

**Question 1**

Use the box to factor  $5x^2 + 43x + 56$ .

*	x	7
5x	$5x^2$	$35x$
8	$8x$	56

ANSWER:  $(5x + 8)(x + 7)$

### Question 2

Use the box to factor  $3x^2 - 17x - 56$ .

*	x	-8
3x	$3x^2$	-24x
7	7x	-56

ANSWER:  $(3x + 7)(x - 8)$

### Question 3

Use the box to factor  $7x^2 - 37x + 36$ .

*	x	-4
7x	$7x^2$	-28x
-9	-9x	36

ANSWER:  $(7x - 9)(x - 4)$